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TRIP REPORT TO PACIFIC AREA -- 4-15 OCTOBER 1958

1. In pursuance of direction by SA/PD/DCI and for the purposes outlined in CHAL-0286, 18 September 1958, a team composed of those listed below proceeded to Hawaii:

- a. James Q. Reber, Chairman (PS/DCI).
- b. Colonel Leo P. Geary (AFCIG-5).
- c. Major Clark Sykes (AFCIG-5).
- d. [redacted] (Operations, DPS/DCI).
- e. [redacted] (Security Officer, DPS/DCI).
- f. Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl (Director, PIC).
- g. [redacted] (Commander, Detachment C).
- h. Lt. Col. Charles D. Fisher (representing AFCIN).

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(Army and Navy were invited to send representatives but preferred not to.)

2. The essential substantive matters of the trip have already been set forth in two cables [redacted]

[redacted] The schedule of activities is set forth in the attachment, Tab A. Memoranda on specific subjects have been forwarded.

3. At CINCPAC, CINCPACAF, CINC Marine Force Pacific, and CINCUSARPAC, the briefing on TALENT materials was conducted by Mr. Lundahl. Except in the last two instances, namely, CINC Fleet Marine Force Pacific (General McGee) and CINCUSARPAC (General White), where CHALICE matters were not discussed at all, operational matters raised were answered principally by [redacted] Colonel Geary, 25X1A Major Sykes, or [redacted] CHALICE security matters were handled by [redacted] 25X1A Briefings on requirements, TALENT security, and utilization were handled by the undersigned. At 5th Air Force (General Burns) the briefing on exhibits was handled by the undersigned with [redacted] answering questions on operations. Any summary report required on CHALICE security will no doubt be made by the Security Officer, DPS/DCI upon his return.

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Comments on the Visit

4. Presentation of the high quality photography in limited quantity (about twenty pieces) and explanation of procedures and arrangements for requirements and utilization were uniformly well-received and should pay dividends wherein support by any of the commands is required.

5. On-the-spot discussions about security in the CHALICE field and relations to TALENT were overdue and should materially reduce if not totally eliminate confusion. Reduction in CHALICE slots was achieved.

6. In so far as support may be required at some time in the future from certain commands, especially CINCPAC, CINCPACAF, and 5th Air Force, Headquarters would do well to ensure proper periodic briefings with particular attention paid to the introduction of new commanders.

7. The CIA TALENT Control Officer will take special pains hereafter to ensure that agreements and decisions bearing upon the handling of TALENT materials should reach the commands (through the proper channel) more clearly stated than heretofore.

8. The undersigned feels that the Headquarters' team was well composed to accomplish its assignment and commands each member on his participation. Lt. Col. Fisher, the AF/CIN representative, was a decided asset to the team in dealing with PACAF and 5th Air Force.

9. General Balmer and his staff and Mr. John Baker and his staff were extremely helpful in making arrangements and facilitating the work of the team.

10. Recommendations:

a. That from time to time as the situation warrants Admiral Felt, General Kuter, and General Burns be given background information as to the status of Project operations. This could be done by a carefully prepared cable via General Balmer in the first two instances and by [redacted] in the last. In addition, a second section of such cable might contain elaboration to permit Balmer and [redacted] to answer questions which might arise in their

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briefings of the principals. The undersigned promised Admiral Felt that upon return a recommendation to the Project Director along the line of the foregoing would be made.

b. That at perhaps 6-9 month intervals a team, such as the last one, representative of the various aspects of the program go to the field to get acquainted with the personnel and to answer questions as well as to ensure some comprehension of the state of information and attitude of those at the other end of the line.


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Attachment
Tab A

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1-SA/PD/DCI
2-Deputy Director, DPS/DCI
3-Director of Operations, DPS/DCI
4-Director of Administration, DPS/DCI AND
 Security Officer, DPS/DCI
5-DD/P
6-Director, PIC
7-CIA TCO
8-PS/DCI chrono